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subjecting an oriented polyolefin material having a value of not exceeding 5×10^{-5} (1°C) for average coefficient of linear expansion in the $20 - 80^{\circ}\text{C}$ range to a heat treatment so that its surface melts; and

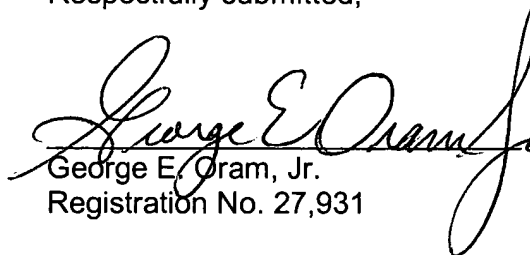
effecting joining of said oriented polyolefin material by the application of pressure and heat at a temperature below a melting point of the heat-treated oriented polyolefin material but sufficient to melt said surface.--

REMARKS

Claims 13-24 are pending in this application. These claims are directed to the subject matter of the binding process for a polyolefin article claimed in original claims 9 and 10. No new matter is contained in the amendments.

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